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U. S. Border Patrol on 7/27/63, advised that information was received that the following day the subject and RAMON GARCIA, a Cuban pilot, would drive to a landing strip near Polk City, Fla., obtain a Bellanca airplane and fly it to North Perry Airport, Broward County, Fla.

They would be met by FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, American adventurer, the plane would be loaded with propaganda leaflets and flown over Cuba where the leaflets would be dropped. GARCIA and STURGIS would serve as pilot and co-pilot. After the plane returned STURGIS would fly by commercial airplane to Mexico and give the news release concerning this raid.

Border Patrol advised this information has been disseminated to all Federal agencies in Miami.

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U. S. Border Patrol and U. S. Customs immediately instituted physical surveillances at Polk City and North Perry Airports.

Miami Office immediately contacted MM 639-S, who is in touch with STURGIS, and MM 635-S, who is in contact with DIAZ LANZ. Both informants advised information received by Border Patrol highly unlikely in that STURGIS and LANZ at the present time have no such plans. *WU*

On 7/28/63, Border Patrol stated nothing had developed, apparently the information was false, no Bellanca airplane ever appeared or was identified, this might have been a publicity stunt by STURGIS and the surveillance would be discontinued at midnight.

On 7/29/63, Border Patrol advised that as of 12:01 AM the surveillance was discontinued, the information was obviously false and they were taking no further action in this matter.

The above information is not being set forth in form suitable for dissemination inasmuch as it appears that Border Patrol had received false information, Miami Office did not participate and Miami informants immediately advised that the allegation was highly unlikely and no such plans existed.

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